REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled. Claims 19-44 have been added.

Therefore, claims 19-44 are now presented for examination.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the claims be allowed.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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